

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7362  
SPO Map 12-13-18  
Hundred South  
Quad Murderkill  
Other Frederica

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Flynn Property/Dwelling
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 84 Bowers Beach Road, Kent County; South Side of Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☐
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE:      building ☒      structure ☐      site ☐      object ☐  
                                         landscape ☐      district ☐
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Dwelling
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):  
SR 1 Little Heaven Interchange

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	dwelling
2	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	1 garage, 1 shed
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	
0	CRS 7 Object Form	
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: July 2004

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

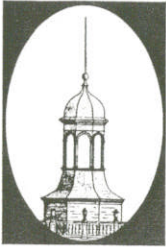
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10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

- a) Time period(s)
- ☐ Pre-European Contact
  - ☐ Paleo-Indian
  - ☐ Archaic
  - ☐ Woodland I
  - ☐ Woodland II
  - ☐ 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American)
  - ☐ 1630-1730∇ Exploration and Frontier Settlement
  - ☐ 1730-1770∇ Intensified and Durable Occupation
  - ☐ 1770-1830∇ Early Industrialization
  - ☐ 1830-1880∇ Industrialization and Early Urbanization
  - ☐ 1880-1940∇ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
  - ☒ 1940-1960∇ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

- b) Geographical zone
- ☐ Piedmont
  - ☒ Upper Peninsula
  - ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
  - ☐ Coastal
  - ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

- c) Historic period theme(s)
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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying      | <input type="checkbox"/> Government                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering     | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance               | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events                   |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 84 Bowers Beach Road; South Side of Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Residence current Residence
3. YEAR BUILT: 1957 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Ranch
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐  
if moved, from where other location's CRS # year
- list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
- a. Rear addition - late 20<sup>th</sup> century
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: Rectangular Stories: 1  
Additions: One on rear
- b. Structural system (if known): Frame
- c. Foundation: materials: Concrete  
basement: full ☒ partial ☐ not visible ☐ no basement ☐
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Asbestos shingles
- e. Roof: shape: Gable  
materials: Asphalt shingles  
cornice: n/a  
dormers: n/a  
chimney: location(s): Interior, brick, off center
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: N
- 1) Bays 4
- 2) Windows  
fenestration irregular  
type double hung, 1/1, and 1 picture window, 2 paired windows  
trim vinyl  
shutters n/a

## Facade (cont'd)

- 3) Door(s) 1  
location off center  
type single leaf  
trim vinyl
- 4) Porch(es) screen porch at main entrance

## b. Side: Direction: W

- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows 1  
fenestration irregular  
type double hung, 1/1  
trim vinyl  
shutters screw on
- 3) Door(s) 2  
location off center  
type single leaf  
trim vinyl
- 4) Porch(es) n/a

## c. Side: Direction: E

- 1) Bays 4
- 2) Windows 1  
fenestration irregular  
type double hung  
trim vinyl  
shutters screw on
- 3) Door(s) n/a  
location n/a  
type n/a  
trim n/a
- 4) Porch(es) n/a

## d. Rear: Direction: S

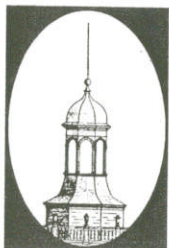
- 1) Bays 4
- 2) Windows 3  
fenestration irregular  
type double hung sash, 1/1  
trim vinyl  
shutters screw on
- 3) Door(s) 1  
location off center  
type double hung  
trim vinyl
- 4) Porch(es) n/a

## 9. INTERIOR:

10. LANDSCAPING: Grassed lawn and low shrubbery around house

## 11. OTHER COMMENTS:





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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 84 Bowers Beach Road; South Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Garage current Garage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1990 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐  
if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. year

b. year

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Vinyl

d. Foundation on concrete pad

e. Roof

structural system Frame, gable roof

coverings Asphalt shingles

openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: N

1) bays: 2

2) windows: 1 in gable end

3) door(s): two overhead garage doors/bays

4) other: n/a

## b. Side: direction: W

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 1
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

## c. Side: direction: E

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: n/a
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

## d. Rear: direction: S

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: n/a
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

## 9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan            n/a

b) Partition/walls        n/a

c) Finishes            n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery    n/a



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SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 84 Bowers Beach Road; South Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Shed/Workshop current Storage shed/Workshop

3. YEAR BUILT: 1990 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐  
if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

year

a.

b.

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Vinyl

d. Foundation Concrete block

e. Roof

structural system Frame, low pitched gable

coverings Asphalt shingles

openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: N

1) bays: 2

2) windows: 2

3) door(s): One, 2 leaf

4) other: n/a

## b. Side: direction: W

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 1
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

## c. Side: direction: E

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 1
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

## d. Rear: direction: S

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 1
- 3) door(s): n/a
- 4) other: n/a

## 9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

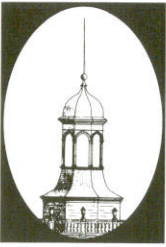
a) Floor plan n/a

b) Partition/walls n/a

c) Finishes n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery n/a





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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
MAP FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 84 Bowers Beach Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

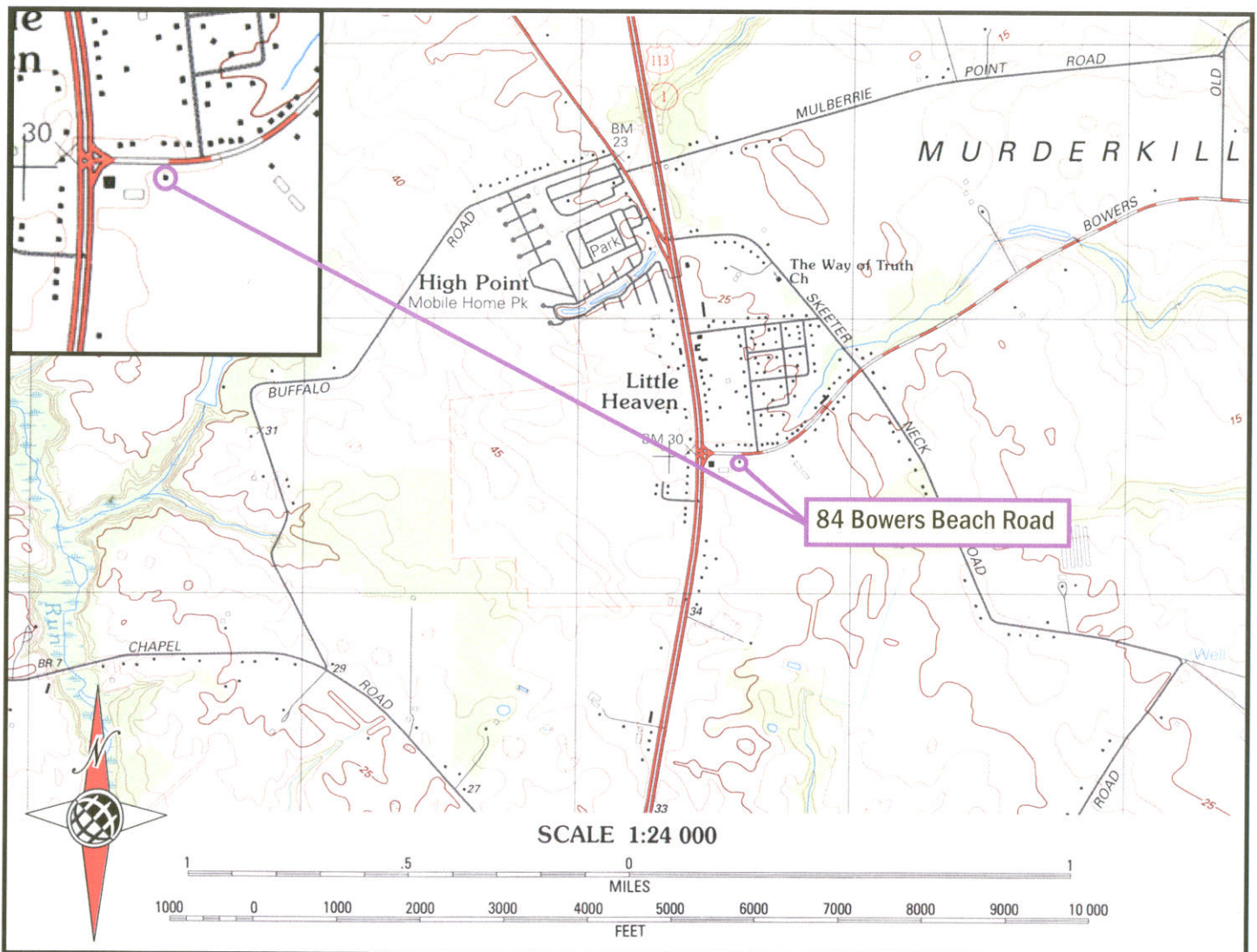
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: \_\_\_\_\_

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map )

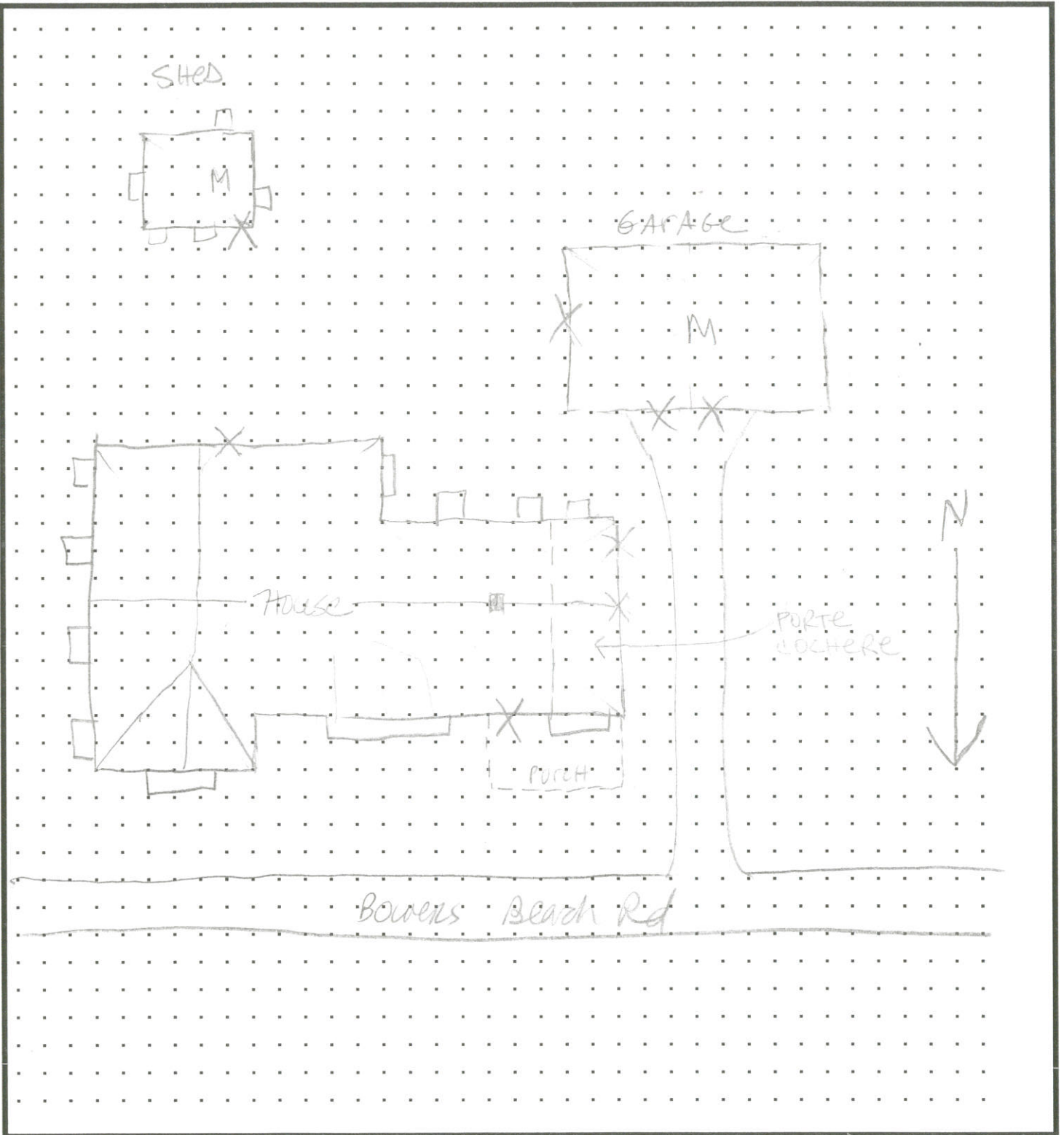
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4. SITE PLAN:

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INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



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**Flynn Property**

**General Description.** The Flynn Property is located at 84 Bowers Beach Road on the south side of Bowers Beach Road in Little Heaven. The property consists of a dwelling constructed ca. 1957, a shed constructed ca. 1957, and a modern automobile garage. A large, grassy yard surrounds the buildings, and mature trees are planted along the eastern perimeter of the property. A fence line and shrubs separate the property from the adjacent property to the west. An asphalt-paved driveway running adjacent to the west elevation of the dwelling provides vehicular access to the garage at the rear of the property. The property is in good condition.

**Dwelling.** The dwelling is a single-story, light timber frame, vernacular ranch house with a side gable roof. It rests upon a concrete foundation. The entire exterior of the original section of the dwelling is clad in asbestos shingle siding, and a rear addition is clad in vinyl siding. All window openings contain replacement, vinyl, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows, with the exception of a picture window in the façade (north elevation). Decorative, wood panel shutters flank most window openings. The dwelling's side gable roof extends beyond the western exterior wall to form a portico over the driveway. Three pairs of thin wood posts support the western edge of the portico roof. Two small enclosures projecting from the façade form cross gables with the roof. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A small brick chimney protrudes from the ridge near the western end of the building. A single-story addition projects from the eastern end of the rear (south) elevation.

The façade (north elevation) of the dwelling consists of four bays, including an off-center entrance and three window openings. A screened-in porch with a gable roof projects forward from the façade at the western end, obscuring the entrance and westernmost window opening from the exterior of the building. The entrance contains a single-leaf door, and the adjacent window opening contains a single window. The central bay contains a picture window consisting of a single light flanked by one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. A fully enclosed gable front projection at the eastern end of the façade contains a paired window opening.

The east elevation consists of three bays in the original section of the building and one bay in the addition to the southeast corner. The three northernmost bays contain single window openings, and the southern bay contains a paired window opening. The openings are evenly-spaced. A louvered wood vent is located in the apex of the east gable end.

The south elevation consists of four bays, including three in the main section of the dwelling and one in the addition. The bay in the addition at the eastern end of the elevation contains a glass double door accessed by wood steps. The remaining three bays contain single window openings.

The west elevation consists of three bays, including two entrances and one window opening. The southern and central bays each contain entrances with single-leaf doors, and

the northern bay contains a single window opening. The southernmost entrance is accessed by three concrete steps, and the central entrance is flush with the adjacent driveway. A louvered wood vent is located in the apex of the west gable end.

**Shed.** The small, frame shed is located south of the dwelling near the rear of the property. The shed-roofed structure rests on a concrete base and is entirely clad in vinyl siding. The structure features a new, wood, double-leaf door in the north elevation, and new, paired, fixed, single-light windows in all elevations (two in the façade and one each in the other elevations).

**Garage.** A large, one-and-one-half-story, two-bay garage is situated at the south end of the driveway, just southwest of the dwelling. The garage is a modern frame structure with a front gable roof. There are two garage bays in the first story of the façade (north elevation), and a single one-over-one, double-hung sash window in the half story of the façade. A pedestrian entrance is located at the southern end of the east elevation.

**Historical Background.** The property located at 84 Bowers Beach Road in Little Heaven was formed from the combination of two separate parcels. On February 28, 1920, Samuel R. Blockson sold the property to James I. Boyce for \$1,000 (KCDB S11: 478). On the same day, James I. Boyce sold the property to John M. Reed for \$500 (KCDB S11: 488). John M. Reed split the property into two parcels and sold them separately. On December 24, 1924, John M. Reed and his wife, Rose Reed, sold the first parcel containing 14.43 acres to the First National Bank of Delaware for \$27,595 (KCDB R12:375-376). On December 3, 1925, the First National Bank sold the first parcel containing 14.43 acres to Arley B. Magee for \$6,000 (KCDB X12: 464).

On February 11, 1925, John M. and Rose Reed sold the second parcel containing 3.11 acres to Thomas B. Emory for \$372.50 (KCDB V10: 94). On July 7, 1928, Thomas M. and Rose Reed sold the second parcel containing 12.0 square perches to Arley B. Magee for \$500 (KCDB M13: 80). Arley B. Magee combined the two parcels and sold the property containing 14.43 acres and 12.0 square perches to the Associated Reality Corporation on March 28, 1930 for \$500. The deed stipulated that "...no one shall eject, construct, or pursue the maintenance or construction of a fueling station, garage, or service station or tanks to be used for the sale or supply of oil, gasoline, propane or other petroleum products" (KCDB V13: 30).

On June 2, 1930, the Associated Reality Corporation sold the property containing 14.0 acres to Daniel H. Nees (KCDB V13: 170). On May 25, 1943, Daniel H. Nees sold the property containing 14.0 acres to James W. Conley and his wife, Clara M. Conley (KCDB K16: 217). On March, 5, 1990, James W. and Clara M. Conley conveyed the property containing 15,000.0 square feet to James E. Flynn and his wife, Virginia D. Flynn. James died on July 19, 1988 leaving the property to his wife (KCDB K21: 582). On August 23, 1990, Virginia D. Flynn conveyed the property containing 14,933.0 square feet to Myrtle L. White (KCDB T48: 332). On November 5, 1993, Myrtle L. White conveyed the property containing 14,933.0 square feet to Robert G. Fetzer and his wife, Deborah A. Fetzer (KCDB W53: 24).



**Evaluation.** The Flynn Property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS 1997). The resource is an unremarkable example of an altered, mid-twentieth-century property within the SR 1 Interchange study area. The resource retains integrity of location and setting but lacks integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and is unable to convey its historical or architectural significance.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between this property and significant events or trends. The property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for this reason. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The property does not display the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion C. Archaeological investigations have not yet been conducted on this property; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time.

## **Bibliography**

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